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1. PRESIDENT JAWARA GAVE THE TRADITIONAL ANNUAL STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AUGUST 11. THE MAJOR PART OF THE SPEECH DEALT WITH THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE GAMBIA REPORTING INCREASED ACTIVITY IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND TOURISM SECTORS. HE DREW SPECIAL ATTENTION TO TWO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: THE FIRST THE SOMA-BASSE ROAD FUNDED BY A LONG-TERM LOW INTEREST LOAN FROM THE KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE SECOND A PROJECTED HOSPITAL COMPLEX WHICH IS TO BE FUNDED UNDER A LOAN FROM THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HE HOPED THAT BOTH PROJECTS WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER COOPERATION WITH THE FUNDERS AND GAVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE ARAB STATES AND THE PRC FOR THEIR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

2. THE FORTY-FIVE MINUTE SPEECH CONCLUDED WITH A SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS INTERESTS OF THE GAMBIAN GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING A STRONG STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE PRESIDENT INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE FURTHER EXPLAINED AT THE COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS  
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CONFERENCE IN WINNIPEG IN LATE AUGUST. HE VERY BRIEFLY INDICATED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF "ZIONIST" TROOPS FROM ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL DURING THE 1967 ARAB-ISRAELIE CONFLICT AND SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST MINORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. GRAHL

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